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The next idea will be to get milk from a tin can.

Ambassador Pezet of Peru at Washington declares that the leading people of the world might emulate the example of Abraham Lincoln. They might; that is true. But could they?

"Germany is not going to the London reparation conference to be dictated to," says the German minister of finance. A recurrence of the spirit of 1914, it seems, albeit under conditions entirely different. The German minister of finance talks like a winner instead of a rank loser.

If the census of Washington, D. C., could be taken at the present time, the figures would be considerably enlarged by the incoming army of job-hunters who are trying to get in through the personal appeal route. A four-year federal job looks good to many people at the present time and under the existing conditions.

President-elect Harding announced, after a conference with Clarence G. Dawes of Chicago, that he had spent an "illuminating hour" with the gentleman. If Harding selects Dawes for a cabinet position there will be not only many illuminating hours for the president but it will be necessary to call out the fire department to put out the fire.

Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, Ireland, is getting into debt to the United States from day to day. He is borrowing time from Feb. 11, by overstaying his leave. The debt will be heavy but not as heavy as the damage which the cause of Irish freedom will sustain here in the United States by reason of the action of O'Callaghan in remaining in the United States longer than the liberal term allowed by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

The plan of Ohio State university to hold continuous yearly sessions, with only the usual short vacations in between the sessions, puts Ohio State in an advantageous position to put a winning football team on the gridiron each fall, even going ahead of some colleges which open their football departments in mid-summer in order to give the candidates the benefit of seasoning process some weeks ahead of their competitors.

Henry Ford's proposition to kill off the cows for meat and depend on laboratory-made milk will not commend itself seriously to the farmers; nor to many other persons, either, as a serious proposition. Scientists declare, furthermore, that laboratory-made milk does not contain essential ingredients found in cow's milk. Possibly Henry Ford is wandering somewhat from the field of activity in which he finds himself well versed when he attempts to revolutionize the food situation by eliminating the cow.

It is to be hoped that the cause of goods roads in Vermont will not be forced to suffer as the result of the disagreement between Governor Hartness and the legislature over the appointment of a state highway commissioner. The selection of the head of the department should not be delayed very long because the preliminary work of the 1921 road building and road repair campaign must be mapped out during the spring months ready for actual construction work just as soon as the frost gets out of the ground. If the preliminary work is retarded that check is likely to have a bad effect on the season's road building program.

Prin. E. S. Abbott of the Rutland high school asserts that one of the agencies most needed in the school system of that city is co-operation by the parents of the pupils in insisting that the pupils give a reasonable amount of time to preparation of their lessons while at home. Such co-operation is necessary in any community if the pupils themselves are not keen enough to see the advantage of working on their books while at home. It goes without saying that in most cases there is not enough time in the hours at schools, with most of the periods given to recitation, for the preparation of lessons, so that there must be supplemental study at home or else the lessons go unprepared. The parents can aid materially by insisting that their children put in a reasonable amount of study at home.

It is encouraging to note that the federal health authorities are alive to the dangers caused by the arrival of shiploads of immigrants, some of whom are suffering from deadly ty-

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phus. Naturally, the first bulwark against the coming of the disease to the country is furnished by the health authorities at the port of New York, but those authorities might not have been able to check the spread of the disease unaided. An additional aid could be furnished by the health authorities in every state and in whatever cities that were known to be the destinations of any of the passengers of the ships in question. If such a course is possible it would be very helpful for the health authorities at New York to notify the health authorities of each city to which passengers on those ships are going. Co-operation is the watchword in an emergency of this sort.

USING WHAT NATURE GIVES US

College men of this northern latitude have been reveling in the outdoor sports which the weather affords them, an intercollegiate contest having just been held at Hanover, N. H., in which McGill university of Montreal displayed the prowess of Our Lady of the Snows by winning first place with more or less decisiveness, while Dartmouth, the University of Vermont, Middlebury and Williams finished in that order in the various competitions, such as snowshoe dashes and long-distance runs, ski running and jumping and the various other forms of contests which can be devised with snow as the basis for the competition. The men of the northern colleges, particularly those in northern New England, have splendid opportunities unfolded for them which are denied the students in the colleges of southern latitude; and the benefits to be derived from those sports are incalculable for those participating and in lesser degree for those who are witnesses of the sports. The college men of the northern latitude have been slow to take advantage of these opportunities, and the participation is by no means general at the present time. All the Vermont colleges engage in these snow sports to a considerable extent, and an intercollegiate contest is to be held at the University of Vermont early next week in which several colleges are expected to take part. That form of sport ought to be encouraged not only because it brings the participants out into the fresh air instead of the somewhat impure air of enclosed rooms but also because it induces many more people to become interested in the various forms into which the sport is divided. As we have previously urged, the high schools and academies ought to take up this form of competition.

State Financially.

"Edith is one of those girls whose interest in a man is governed by his wealth."
"I see; the greater the principle the greater the interest."—Boston Transcript.

Woman's Way.

"Edith couldn't have thought much of the man she married."
"Why not?"
"She boasts that she has made another man of him."—Boston Transcript.

Inside Work.

Artist—Madam, it is not faces alone that I paint, it is souls.
Madam—Oh! you do interiors then?
—Boston Transcript.

Why Wait for Summer?

"How often do you take a bath?"
"Oh, whenever I've a notion."
"Great Scott, man, you don't need a ocean. What's the matter with a bathtub?"—Boston Transcript.

Lincoln

The two outstanding qualities of Lincoln's character were "faith" and "courage"—faith in his fellow man and courage to act according to his convictions.

Expediency was abhorrent and a problem partly solved was not solved at all.

The fear-shaken hopes and vacillating policies of compromise indulged in by scheming politicians were tolerated in the spirit of gentlemanly forbearance but were, nevertheless, inwardly despised.

These selfish forces built upon the shifting sands of false ideals served the useful purpose of magnifying the man and his work, and letting through the glory of a light that grows brighter with the years.

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CURRENT COMMENT

A Barton Bequest.

Few public bequests have fallen to the lot of Barton, and while the amount left for the support of the Methodist church here and for the work of building or supporting a public library, is not large as bequests go in many places, the amount is sufficient to warrant the expectation of a fine public library building in the not far distant future. The amount to be equally divided between the two institutions will be approximately \$12,000, it is expected, and is by far the largest bequest ever made by anyone for the public benefit of Barton. Just why Barton has come to this year of 1921 without such bequests is a question worthy of thought. The town has a history old enough, has produced men with talent, fame and wealth, as other towns have produced them, but never has the place publicly benefited by their money as most other places have benefited from the hand of former citizens. To be sure there are noted a few bequests, the aggregate of which is probably not half the amount left by Mr. Webster and for this reason the Webster gift is worthy of special mention. Maybe the spirit and the wisdom which prompted Mr. Webster to do what he has for his town, will prompt other men of means to do likewise. Certainly no finer thing can be done for a place and no finer spirit ever enters the human breast than the sentiment which prompts such acts. Now that the Women's Literary club has sufficient means in sight to make building a public library a thing to be thought of for the immediate future, who of our citizens will help to make the hope a realization. With the immediate growth and expansion of Barton a foregone conclusion, the time and need for a library building was never more auspicious.—Barton Monitor.

Locating Earthquakes.

How difficult it is even with the most sensitive instruments to locate an earthquake is shown by the readings taken Friday by the Harvard and Georgetown observatories of tremors said to be even more violent than those of December 16. Georgetown puts the present shock 2200 miles to the south, while Cambridge estimates the distance as 2125 miles, with no conclusion as to direction. But if it lies to the south it is obviously more remote from a point near Boston than from a point near Washington.

American seismologists may be put on their mettle by certain polite yet not very complimentary remarks by British scientists in regard to the observations in American observatories of the mysterious shocks of December 16. It should be understood that in the case of distant earthquakes there is considerable difficulty in distinguishing clearly the several sets of waves which come through the earth, along the surface, and by an intermediate route; the recent succession of exceptionally violent tremors may prove instructive to observers.

Direction is much more difficult to determine than distance, but in these days of scientific co-operation distance suffices provided it can be measured with accuracy. It serves to locate the disturbance on a circle of known radius with the observatory at the center. Two observatories sufficiently far apart thus locate the earthquake on two circles which in general intersect at two points. Often one of these two possible points can be excluded, even if no third reading is available to clear up this ambiguity.

The problem, it will be seen, is on a bigger scale much like the problem of locating big howitzers by the time required for the explosion to be heard at different points which was solved so remarkably on the western front during the war. But for its satisfactory solution trustworthy measurements of distance are essential, and the trouble now being found by the seismologists is due to conflicting measurements reported by observers.—Springfield Republican.

Famous Courtship Put Into Speech of To-day.

Johnny Alden—No, girlie, you got this guy all wrong. Miles is a fine scout, but he just can't throw his speech into high.

Priscilla—And you hand me this line of chatter expecting me to fall for a book whose tongue is beamed! How could he ever talk to a landlady?

Johnny—Now, listen, sister; I know Miles and, believe me, he'd make a great husband for you. Why don't you try him anyway? You know look-smith laugh at love. You can always get some legal bird to unbolt the nuptial chains. What do you say?

Priscilla—I'll say he doesn't register with me any more than the mumps.

What good is a loving heart if it's so bashful you can't hear it beat?

Johnny—Well, I've done my darnedest. I thought I'd go big with you.

Priscilla—You tell it, Johnny. You seem to know the words and music.—Harry Irving Shumway in Judge.

In the Wrong Place.

He was rather rough spoken, much to the mortification of his daughter, Mary, who was forever trying to correct this defect in his deportment.

"Father," she said one day, "please remember you must always say 'present company excepted' whenever you use any expression that you feel may prove embarrassing to anyone."

That night, while the house was crowded, he was telling about his visit to the county fair.

"Well, they had fair to middlin' cows there," said he; "but it was the poorest collection of pigs that ever I saw. Why it was the worst—"

Mary's coughing at this juncture attracted him.

He hesitated for a moment, then continued in a subdued voice: "Well, all things considered, it was the worst crowd of pigs—present company excepted—that ever I saw."—New York Evening Post.

Power of Suggestion.

A weary wayfarer, to whose back clung the remains of an O. D. blouse decorated with a rusty red chevron, hopped down under a tree in a tight-fisted farmer's yard and proceeded to go to sleep.

"Git-out of there," yelled the farmer, coming to the door with a shot gun in his hand. "Git, now, or I'll shoot."

The wayfarer stirred slightly in his slumbers and a beatific smile spread over his features.

"Shoot," he murmured happily.

"You're faded,"—American Legion Weekly.

Not Lincoln's Way.

President Wilson was not the first to try watchful waiting. The story is told that General McClellan irritated President Lincoln by his waiting campaign, the general being over-careful not to make any move that might be premature. "My dear McClellan," Old Abe wrote at last, "if you don't want to use the army, I should like to borrow it for a while. Yours respectfully, A. Lincoln."—Boston Transcript.

Just the Kind.

She—I do not care to marry you. I do not care even to talk to you.
He (a widower)—That is precisely the reason I want you to marry me.—Boston Transcript.

Kentucky Optimism.

Stamford Journal—Miss Roberta Harding fell down and broke her nose, which she fears will mar her beauty. We don't think so.—Boston Transcript.

Solid Bone.

"Sure it's a great compliment the foreman paid me to-day," boasted Cassidy.

"What did he say, Mike?"
"He said that I carried more osseous matter above me shoulders than any other man in the works."—Boston Transcript.The Times
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